

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A device for a single-acting hydraulic cylinder (1) designed to lift or pull a load upon the existence of an oil pressure on the rod-side of a cylinder piston (7), characterized in that the cylinder bottom (15) of the hydraulic cylinder (1) is provided with a drainage outlet (27) for leaking fluid, as well as an air inlet (29).

Claim 2 (original): A device in accordance with Claim 1, characterized in that the drainage outlet (27) is connected to a reservoir (28) for collection of leakage fluid.

Claim 3 (original): A device in accordance with Claim 2, characterized in that the reservoir (28) in the position of use is placed at a higher level than the bottom (15) of the cylinder.

Claim 4 (original): A device in accordance with Claim 1, characterized in that the air inlet (29) projects above the inner wall surface (16) of the cylinder bottom (15).

Claim 5 (original): A device in accordance with Claim 1, characterized in that the air inlet (29) is connected with a compressed-air reservoir (30) designed to continuously or periodically apply an overpressure to the lower cylinder space (7b).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A device in accordance with ~~one or more of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, characterized in that the piston shoulder (21) forms a hollow space (21b) when the cylinder piston (7) is in the lower position.